

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Amendment?

The Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Amendment is a historic opportunity for Georgians to protect our waters and lands by constitutionally dedicating a portion of the existing sales tax on outdoor sporting goods. It will be on the 2018 general election ballot.

How much funding would this generate for conservation?

If passed, the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Amendment would generate approximately \$20 million in dedicated annual funding for a period of 10 years.

How would these funds be used?

The funding generated by this amendment would only be used for projects consistent with the state's established goals for conservation including: protecting lands critical to clean drinking water, acquiring and improving parks and trails, and maintaining and improving access to wildlife management areas. As a result of these investments, it would also support Georgia's economy, including the \$27 billion outdoor recreation industry.

Why should conserving land be a priority for Georgia?

Natural resources like water and land are finite. If we do not protect them, they may not be here for future generations, which would put both our quality of life and economy at risk. For example, properly managed lands, shorelines and forests play a critical role in ensuring access to the clean drinking water every Georgian relies on.

Is this a tax increase?

No, this is not a tax increase. It is simply a dedication of taxes already collected on outdoor sporting goods.

Why is dedicated funding important?

Georgia currently relies upon an annual appropriations process to fund our conservation needs, which makes long-term planning difficult. A dedicated funding source will provide a reliable, predictable amount of annual funding that will not only help that planning process but also better position Georgia to attract additional federal, philanthropic and private investment.

Could these funds be used for other purposes?

No. The voter referendum ensures the funds cannot be used for any other purpose.

When would the funds be dedicated?

Funds would be dedicated starting on July 1, 2019.

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